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**“Be Smart! Leave the Fireworks the Professionals” Urge Fire,
Medical, & Law Enforcement Experts**

State Fire Marshal Stephen D. Coan and National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) President James Shannon will host a press conference on the dangers of fireworks Wednesday, June 27, 2007 at 2:30 p.m. at the Department of Fire Services western office, One Prince Street, Northampton. Members of the fire, medical, law enforcement communities will join them. These participants are working together to encourage the public to “Be smart! Leave the fireworks to the professionals,” and to enjoy a safe and happy July 4th holiday.

Fireworks Victim, Health & Medical Professionals Join Public Safety Officials

Joining Fire Marshal Coan and President Shannon will be a representative of the Trauma Service at Baystate Medical Center, Ware Fire Chief Thomas Coulombe representing the Fire Chiefs’ Association of Massachusetts, FPO Michael Swain, past president of the Fire Prevention Association of Massachusetts and Campus Fire Prevention Officer at the University of Massachusetts @ Amherst, Lt. Kevin McMahon, executive officer, Fire and Explosion Investigation Section in the Office of the State Fire Marshal, area fire chiefs, code enforcement officials from the Department of Fire Services and members of the State Police Hazardous Devices Unit who will be conducting the demonstration.

Date: Wednesday, June 27, 2007 **Time:** 2:30 p.m.

Location: Department of Fire Services, One Prince Street, Northampton

Visuals: Demonstration of the danger of fireworks.

Interviews: Dignitaries will remain after the demonstration for interviews.

Directions: Take Route 5 to the center of Northampton. Turn left onto Route 9 West Main Street. Follow Route 9 to the junction with Route 66. Turn left onto Route 66. Travel 0.8 mile on Route 66. The entrance to the Northampton State Hospital will be on the right at the top of the hill. Go 500 yards past the entrance and look left.